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1) Velella Epsilon (Kampachi Farms, LLC)

Kampachi Farms (applicant) is currently in the process of applying for federal permits to site a 1-cage pilot project in federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico at approximately 45 miles southwest of Sarasota, Florida. The project would culture a single cohort of approximately 20,000 Almaco jack over a years time and produce a maximum annual harvest of 88,000 pounds. The facility would include a supporting vessel and a single floating cage in a water depth of 130 feet.

The applicant has applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from the EPA and Section 10 permit from the Army Corps. There was/will be a public hearing on the draft NPDES permit on January 28<sup>th</sup> at Mote Marine Lab in Sarasota, FL.

Should all federal permits be issued, the applicant anticipates deploying the cage in Summer 2020 and stocking fish several months later.

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